



JASON BLEWITT'S

Race Analysis

Saturday, August 31, 2019

RACE 1: 3 – 6 – 4 – 5

RACE 2: 4 – 3 – 5 – 9

RACE 3: 7 – 1 – 3 – 8

RACE 4: 3 – 10 – 6 – 5

RACE 5: 3 – 4 – 7 – 1

RACE 6: 1 – 2 – 12 – 3

RACE 7: 2 – 1 – 9 – 8

RACE 8: 11 – 9 – 5 – 2

RACE 9: 2 – 7 – 5 – 3

RACE 10: 5 – 1 – 2 – 7

RACE 11: 7 – 9 – 6 – 8

RACE 12: 7 – 10 – 6 – 5

RACE 13: 2 – 10 – 3 – 6

What a Dr. Fager Win: If there was any doubt as to the quality of Chance It, they were certainly laid to rest in the 71 odd seconds or so it took the fast-traveling colt to blitz the six-furlong distance of the August 3rd Dr. Fager. Saturday, this Florida-bred colt will continue to stake his claim at being one of the nation's leading juvenile prospects when he faces nine fellow two-year-olds in the \$200,000 Affirmed (part of the Florida Sire Stakes) at seven furlongs. The Affirmed, carded as race 13, shares top billing with the FSS Susan's Girl Division for two-year-old fillies, which goes as race 11. As far as Chance It goes, this Currency Swap colt enters the Affirmed in peak form, having won his last two starts by a combined dozen lengths. He travels like a "class horse" with a lengthy, powerful stride. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr., whose talents are no longer a well-kept secret here in South Florida, believes Chance It is likely to relish this stretchout in distance from six-to-seven furlongs late Saturday. "Of course it's one of those things that you never know until they do it but I don't believe any added distance will pose an issue for him. He ran a great race in the Dr. Fager and thankfully, bounced out of it in good shape." Chance It broke from post 1 of 7 in the Dr. Fager and was unable to get the usual coveted "first over" spot thanks to an aggressively handled Man with a Plan. Chance It, however, kept his cool, vied as the inside speed and eventually kicked clear for an impressive three-length victory beneath jockey Edgard Zayas. "Horses tend to get beat when they get into trouble or boxed in" Joseph said. "I told Edgard 'don't worry if you have to use him and ride him hard. I'd rather him have a hard race than take back and get into trouble.'" Turns out the only "trouble" in the Dr. Fager concerned the six outclassed rivals in Chance It's wake.